

# The Office of Holy Unction for Great and Holy Wednesday

**DEACON:** *Bless, Master.*

**PRIEST:** *Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

**READER:** *Glory to You, O God, glory to You!*

*O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who is everywhere present and fills all things. Treasury of blessings, and Giver of Life, come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.*

*Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3X)*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

*Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.*

*Lord, have mercy. (3X)*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

*Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

**PRIEST:** *For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

**READER:** *Amen.*

*Lord, have mercy. (3X)*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

*Come, let us worship God our King. Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God. Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.*

### **Psalm 143**

*Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness! Do not enter into judgment with Your servant; for no man living is righteous before You.*

*For the enemy has pursued me; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.*

*I remember the days of old, I meditate on all that You have done; I contemplate that which Your hands have wrought. I stretch out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.*

*Make hast to answer me, I Lord! My spirit fails! Hide not Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the Pit. Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.*

*Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies! I have fled to You for refuge! Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God! Let Your good Spirit lead me on a level path!*

*For Your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In Your righteousness bring me out of trouble! And in Your steadfast love cut off my enemies, and destroy all my adversaries, for I am Your servant.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory to You, O God! (3X)*

*O our God and our Hope, glory to You!*

### **Little Litany**

**DEACON:** *Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**DEACON:** *Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**DEACON:** *Commemorating our most Holy, most Pure, most Blessed and glorious Lady, Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ, our God.*

**CHOIR:** *To You, O Lord!*

**PRIEST:** *For unto You are due all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

**CHOIR:** *Amen.*

AL - LE - LU - IA, ALLELUIA, AL - LE - LU - IA.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mer - cy on us. For we sinners who have no

de - fense, offer to you, our Mas - ter this plea: Have mer - cy on us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit. Have mercy on us, O Lord,

for we have trus - ted in you, and be not very an - gry with us, re - mem - b'ring

not our i - ni - qui - ties; but look down now up - on us, since You are full

of com - pas - sion, and deliver us from our en - e - mies; for You are our God,

and we are Your people, the works of Your hands, and we call on Your name.

Now and ever, and unto ages of a - ges. A - men. Open to us the door of your loving

Kind -ness, O blessed Birth - giv - er of God. Having set our hope on you may we

not fail, but through you may we be delivered from ad - ver - si - ty; for you are

the salvation of all Christian peo - ple.

IT IS TRU- LY MEET TO BLESS YOU, O THE - O - TO - KOS, EV - ER BLES - SED

AND MOST PURE AND THE MO - THER OF OUR GOD. MORE HON - OR - A - BLE

THAN THE CHE - RU - BIM, AND MORE GLO - RI - OUS BEY - OND COM - PARE THAN THE

SE - RA - PHIM. WITH - OUT DE - FILE - MENT YOU GAVE BIRTH TO GOD THE WORD!  
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### **Psalm 51**

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy. According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!*

*For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, and You only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified in Your sentence and blameless in Your judgment.*

*Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

*Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your deliverance.*

*O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You have no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, You would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.*

*Do good to Zion in Your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, then will You delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on Your altar.*

### **The Praises**

*{The priest exits the altar with the Gospel and places it on the Gospel Stand}*

*Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest. To You, O God, is due a song.*

*Praise Him, all His angels. Praise Him, all His hosts. To You, O God, is due a song.*

*Praise the Lord in His sanctuary, Praise Him for His mighty deeds. Praise Him according to His exceeding greatness.*

*Praise Him with trumpet sound. Praise Him with strings and harp. Praise Him with timbrel and dance. Praise Him with strings and pipe.*

O COMPASSIONATE LOVER OF MAN - KIND, WHO HAS GRANTED GRACE THROUGH  
THE HANDS OF YOUR A - POS - TLES, TO HE - AL WITH YOUR HO - LY OIL,  
THOSE WHO ARE AFFLICTED WITH IN - FIR - MI - TIES HAVE MERCY ON ALL WHO NOW

The image shows a musical score for piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The music is in a minor key, indicated by a single flat (Bb) on the key signature. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, the second system covers the next two lines, and the third system covers the final line. The music is primarily composed of chords and simple melodic lines.

APPROACH YOUR HOLY OIL IN FAITH AND IN LOVE, SINCE YOU ARE COM -

PAS-SION - ATE CLEANSE THEM FROM EVERY AF - FLIC - TION, MAKING THEM

WORTHY OF YOUR IN - COR- RUP - TI - BLE FOOD, O LORD!

**READER:** *Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals. Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!*

O INCOMPREHENSIBLE ONE, IN YOUR COMPASSION LOOK DOWN FROM HEA - VEN,

AND SEAL OUR SENSES WITH YOUR INVISIBLE HAND, O LOVER OF MAN-KIND

GRANT TO THOSE WHO COME TO YOU IN FAITH FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND

HEALING OF SOUL AND BO - DY, THAT THEY MAY GLO - RI - FY YOU IN

LOVE, MAGNIFYING YOUR MA - JES - TIC POW - ER.

**READER:** *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

O MOST PURE PAL - ACE OF THE KING, O GREAT - LY EX - TOLLED ONE,

IN -TER - CEDE AND PURIFY MY MIND WHICH IS STAINED WITH ALLMAN - NER OF SIN.

MAKE ME THE ABODE OF THE ALL-HOLY TRI - NI - TY, SO THAT BEING SAVED YOUR

MEEK SERVANT MAY MAG - NI - FY YOUR POW - ER, AND YOUR BOUND - LESS

MER - CY.

## The Troparion

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat. The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords.

YOU ALONE ARE OUR SPEEDY COM-FORT, O CHRIST, HASTEN FROM ON HIGH TO VISIT

Musical notation for the second system, continuing the melody and accompaniment from the first system.

YOUR SICK SER-VANTS. DE - LIV - ER THEM FROM INFIRMITY AND CRUEL PAIN.

Musical notation for the third system, continuing the melody and accompaniment.

RAISE THEM UP TO SING PRAISES TO YOU UN - CEAS - ING - LY THROUGH THE PRAYERS

Musical notation for the fourth system, continuing the melody and accompaniment.

OF THE THE - O - TO - KOS, FOR YOU ARE THE ONLY LOV - ER OF

Musical notation for the fifth system, concluding the piece with a final cadence. The key signature changes to one sharp.

MAN - KIND.

## Great Litany

**DEACON:** *In peace let us pray to the Lord.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**DEACON:** *For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**DEACON:** *For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the Holy Churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**DEACON:** *For this Holy House, and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**DEACON:** *That this oil will be blessed with the power, operation, and descent of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**DEACON:** *For the servants and handmaids of God who are repenting from their sins, that they may be worthy of the visitation of God, and that the grace of the Holy Spirit may descend upon them, let us pray to the Lord.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**DEACON:** *For their and our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**DEACON:** *Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**DEACON:** *Commemorating our most Holy, most Pure, most Blessed and Glorious Lady, Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ, our God.*

**CHOIR:** *To You, O Lord.*

**PRIEST:** *For unto you are due all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

**CHOIR:** *Amen.*

*{The Priest recites the following prayer over the oil}*

**PRIEST:** *O Lord, who in Your mercy and bounty heals the disorders of our souls and bodies, come now and sanctify this oil, that it may be effectual for those who shall be anointed with it, unto healing and unto redemption from every passion, every malady of the flesh and of the Spirit, and all evil, and that by it may be glorified Your most Holy name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

**CHOIR:** Amen.

**The First Epistle and Gospel**

**DEACON:** Wisdom!

**READER:** Let Your mercy be upon us, O Lord, as we have set our hope on You.

**CHOIR:** (repeats the Prokeimenon)

**READER:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the just.

**CHOIR:** (repeats the Prokeimenon)

**READER:** Let Your mercy be upon us, O Lord

**CHOIR:** as we have set our hope on You.

**DEACON:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle James.

**DEACON:** Let us attend.

**READER:** **(James 5:10-16)** As an example of suffering and patience, brethren, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we call those happy who were steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath, but let your yes be yes and your no be no, that you may not fall under condemnation. Is any one among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.

**PRIEST:** Peace be to you, reader.

**READER:** And to your spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**CHOIR:**



**READER:** *Of mercy and judgment I will sing to You, O Lord!*

**CHOIR:** *(repeats "Alleluia")*

**PRIEST:** *Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.*

**CHOIR:** *And to your spirit.*

**PRIEST:** *The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.*

**CHOIR:** *Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!*

**DEACON:** *Let us attend!*

**PRIEST:** **(Luke 10:25-37)** *At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And He said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."*

**CHOIR:** *Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.*

### **Litany of Fervent Supplication**

**DEACON:** *Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great goodness, we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy. (3X)*

**DEACON:** *Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation, for the servants of God who come in the hope of healing through Your Divine Oil, and for the pardon and remission of their sins.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy. (3X)*

**DEACON:** *Again we pray for pardon of our transgressions, both voluntary and involuntary.*

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy. (3X)

**PRIEST:** For You are a merciful God, and You love humanity, and to You we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**CHOIR:** Amen.

**DEACON:** Let us pray to the Lord.

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST:** (First prayer of the Oil) O Eternal One, without beginning, Holy of Holies, Who sent forth Your only-Begotten Son to heal every infirmity and weakness in both our souls and bodies: Send down Your Holy Spirit and sanctify this Oil. Cause it to be the complete salvation from the sins of Your servants who are about to be anointed with it. Make it to be for their inheritance of Your heavenly Kingdom, for from You is mercy and salvation, O our God, and to You we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**CHOIR:** Amen.

### **The Second Epistle and Gospel**

**DEACON:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

**CHOIR:** (repeats the Prokeimenon)

**READER:** The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

**CHOIR:** (repeats the Prokeimenon)

**READER:** The Lord is my strength and my song.

**CHOIR:** He has become my salvation.

**DEACON:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans.

**DEACON:** Let us attend.

**READER:** (Romans 15:1-7) Brethren: We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please Himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on Me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

**PRIEST:** Peace be to you, reader.

**READER:** *And to your spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*



**CHOIR:**

**READER:** *Of Your mercy I will sing forever, O Lord!*

**CHOIR:** *(repeats "Alleluia")*

**PRIEST:** *Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.*

**CHOIR:** *And to your spirit.*

**PRIEST:** *The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.*

**CHOIR:** *Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!*

**DEACON:** *Let us attend!*

**PRIEST:** **(Luke 19:1-10)** *At that time Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zaccheus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."*

**CHOIR:** *Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!*

### **Litany of Fervent Supplication**

**DEACON:** *Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great goodness, we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy. (3X)*

**DEACON:** *Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation, for the servants of God who come in the hope of healing through Your Divine Oil, and for the pardon and remission of their sins.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy. (3X)*

**DEACON:** *Again we pray for pardon of our transgressions, both voluntary and involuntary.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy. (3X)*

**PRIEST:** *For You are a merciful God, and You love humanity, and to You we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

**CHOIR:** *Amen.*

**DEACON:** *Let us pray to the Lord.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**PRIEST:** *(Second prayer of the Oil) O God, great and supreme, Who is adored by all creation; Fountain of Wisdom and Goodness, and unlimited sea of mercy; O Master, God of wonders and all things eternal, at Whom no human can gaze, look down now and hear us, Your unworthy servants, and in Your great Name we offer this Oil. Send down Your gift of healing, and the remission of sins, and heal Your servants in the multitude of Your mercies. O Lord, Who is easy to entreat, Who forgives our evil deeds, Who knows that we are inclined to wickedness from youth, Who desires not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin to live again. Even though You are God, You became incarnate for the salvation of sinners. You have said, "I have not come to call the righteous, but the sinner to repentance", and "There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who repents." You did not despise the sinful woman when she washed Your precious feet with her tears. O Master, look down from the height of Your sanctuary, and overshadow us with the grace of Your Holy Spirit. Take up Your abode in these Your servants who repent of their iniquities, and accept them, because of Your love for humanity. Forgive them whatever wrongs they have committed, whether by word or deed or thought. Purify them from every sin, preserve the remainder of their lives so that they might abide in Your statutes. In them may Your holy Name be glorified, for Your heart is to show mercy on us and to save us, O Christ our God, and to You we ascribe glory, together with Your Father Who is from everlasting, and Your all-Holy, Good, and life-Creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

**CHOIR:** *Amen.*

### The Third Epistle and Gospel

**DEACON:** *Wisdom!*

**READER:** *The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?*

**CHOIR:** *(repeats the Prokeimenon)*

**READER:** *The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?*

**CHOIR:** *(repeats the Prokeimenon)*

**READER:** *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

**CHOIR:** *Whom shall I fear?*

**DEACON:** *Wisdom!*

**READER:** *The reading is from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.*

**DEACON:** *Let us attend.*

**READER:** **(1Cor 12:27-13:8)** *Brethren: Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the Church first Apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all Apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind, love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.*

**PRIEST:** *Peace be to you, reader.*

**READER:** *And to your spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**CHOIR:**



**READER:** *O Lord, in You have I trusted, let me never be put to shame.*

**CHOIR:** *(repeats "Alleluia")*

**PRIEST:** *Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.*

**CHOIR:** *And to your spirit.*

**PRIEST:** *The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.*

**CHOIR:** *Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!*

**DEACON:** *Let us attend!*

**PRIEST:** **(Mat 10:1, 5-9)** *And He called to Him His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay.*

**CHOIR:** *Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!*

**DEACON:** *Let us pray to the Lord.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**PRIEST:** *(Third prayer of the Oil) O Almighty Master, Holy King, Who chastens but does not slay, Who raises up those who fall, and restores those who are downcast, Who relieves the afflictions of the body; we beseech You, O our God, direct Your mercy upon this Oil, and upon all who will be anointed with it in Your name, that it may be effectual for the healing of soul and body, the putting away of every infirmity, disease, malady, and defilement of body and spirit. Send down from heaven Your healing might. Be a physician of these, Your servants, granting to them, through Your Church, complete restoration of health, that they shall act according to Your will and do what is pleasing to You. For You love humanity, and You show mercy on us, and to You we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

**CHOIR:** *Amen.*

### **The Fourth Epistle and Gospel**

**DEACON:** *Wisdom!*

**READER:** *Hear me speedily, O Lord, in the day when I call upon You.*

**CHOIR:** *(repeats the Prokeimenon)*

**READER:** *Seek the Lord, and your soul shall live.*

**CHOIR:** *(repeats the Prokeimenon)*

**READER:** *Hear me speedily, O Lord*

**CHOIR:** *in the day when I call upon You.*

**DEACON:** *Wisdom!*

**READER:** *The reading is from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.*

**DEACON:** *Let us attend.*

**READER:** **(2Cor 6:16-7:1)** *Brethren: What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a Father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.*

**PRIEST:** *Peace be to you, reader.*

**READER:** *And to your spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*



**CHOIR:**

**READER:** *I waited patiently for the Lord, and He heard me.*

**CHOIR:** *(repeats "Alleluia")*

**PRIEST:** *Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.*

**CHOIR:** *And to your spirit.*

**PRIEST:** *The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.*

**CHOIR:** *Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!*

**DEACON:** *Let us attend!*

**PRIEST:** *(Mat 8:1, 14-23) And when Jesus entered Peter's house, He saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever; He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and served Him. That evening they brought to Him many who were possessed with demons; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases." Now when Jesus saw great crowds around Him, He gave orders to go over to the other side. And a scribe came up and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has nowhere to lay His head." And another of the disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead. And when He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him.*

**CHOIR:** *Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!*

**Litany of Fervent Supplication**

**DEACON:** *Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great goodness, we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy. (3X)*

**DEACON:** *Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation, for the servants of God who come in the hope of healing through Your Divine Oil, and for the pardon and remission of their sins.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy. (3X)*

**DEACON:** *Again we pray for pardon of our transgressions, both voluntary and involuntary.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy. (3X)*

**PRIEST:** *For You are a merciful God, and You love humanity, and to You we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

**CHOIR:** *Amen.*

**DEACON:** *Let us pray to the Lord.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**PRIEST:** *(Fourth prayer of the Oil) O Good Lord Who loves humanity, exceedingly merciful, God of all comfort, Who through Your Holy Apostles have granted us the power to heal the infirmities of Your people with oil and prayer. Confirm this Oil unto the healing of those it shall anoint, to relieve every ailment and malady, to deliver from every evil. O Lord our God, we beseech You, O Almighty One, to save and sanctify us all. Heal Your servants and protect them with the mercies of Your goodness. Visit them with Your mercies. Grant that if we are favored with Your inexpressible love for humanity, we may praise and glorify You for performing glorious, great, and*

miraculous deeds. For You show mercy on us and save us, and to You we ascribe glory, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**CHOIR:** Amen.

**The Fifth Epistle and Gospel**

**DEACON:** Wisdom!

**READER:** You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

**CHOIR:** (repeats the Prokeimenon)

**READER:** Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

**CHOIR:** (repeats the Prokeimenon)

**READER:** You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us

**CHOIR:** from this generation forever.

**DEACON:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The reading is from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

**DEACON:** Let us attend.

**READER:** **(2Cor 1:8-11)** For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. Why, we felt that we had received the sentence of death; but that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God Who raises the dead; He delivered us from so deadly a peril, and He will deliver us; on Him we have set our hope that He will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us in answer to many prayers.

**PRIEST:** Peace be to you, reader.

**READER:** And to your spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



**CHOIR:**

**READER:** I will sing praises to Your mercy, O Lord, forever.

**CHOIR:** (repeats "Alleluia")

**PRIEST:** *Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.*

**CHOIR:** *And to your spirit.*

**PRIEST:** *The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.*

**CHOIR:** *Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!*

**DEACON:** *Let us attend!*

**PRIEST:** **(Mat 25:1-13)** *The Lord said, "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those maidens rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut. Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.*

**CHOIR:** *Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!*

### **Litany of Fervent Supplication**

**DEACON:** *Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great goodness, we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy. (3X)*

**DEACON:** *Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation, for the servants of God who come in the hope of healing through Your Divine Oil, and for the pardon and remission of their sins.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy. (3X)*

**DEACON:** *Again we pray for pardon of our transgressions, both voluntary and involuntary.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy. (3X)*

**PRIEST:** *For You are a merciful God, and You love humanity, and to You we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

**CHOIR:** *Amen.*

**DEACON:** *Let us pray to the Lord.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**PRIEST:** *(Fifth prayer of the Oil) O Lord our God, who chastens and heals, who raises up the poor from the earth and lifts the miserable from the dunghill. O Father of orphans and physician of the sick, haven of the tempest-tossed, Who painlessly bore our diseases and our infirmity, Who shows mercy and forgiveness, Who is quick to help and slow to anger, Who breathed upon Your disciples and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whosoever sins you remit, they are remitted", and Who has called me, Your humble and sinful and unworthy servant, entangled in many sins and wallowing in the lusts of pleasures, to this Holy and high degree of the Priesthood, and to enter into the Holy of Holies, where the angels long to go, to hear and to behold the glad tidings from the voice of the Lord God, and to delight in the Divine Liturgy. You enabled me to administer Your heavenly mysteries, and to offer to You gifts and sacrifices for our sins, and for the failings of Your people. Listen now to our prayer and hear the voice of our supplication, and grant healing to Your servants, pardoning their transgressions, both voluntary and involuntary. You touched the mother-in-law of Peter and her fever left her, and she arose and ministered to You. O Master, remember Your rich mercy, and how often our minds are inclined to evil, even from our youth. For You alone are without sin, and You came down and saved humanity, freeing us from bondage to the enemy. For no one is without sin, and every mouth shall fail to answer or give proper excuse. Wherefore, O Lord, remember not the sins of our youth, for You are the hope of the hopeless, the rest of those who labor and are heavy-laden with iniquity, and to You we ascribe glory, together with Your Father Who is from everlasting, and Your all-Holy, good, and life-Creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

**CHOIR:** Amen.

### **The Sixth Epistle and Gospel**

**DEACON:** Wisdom!

**READER:** Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy.

**CHOIR:** *(repeats the Prokeimenon)*

**READER:** Create in me a clean heart, O God.

**CHOIR:** *(repeats the Prokeimenon)*

**READER:** Have mercy on me, O God

**CHOIR:** according to Your great mercy.

**DEACON:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians.

**DEACON:** Let us attend.

**READER:** (Gal 5:22, 6:2) Brethren: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

**PRIEST:** Peace be to you, reader.

**READER:** And to your spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



**CHOIR:**

**READER:** Blessed is the man who fears the Lord.

**CHOIR:** (repeats "Alleluia")

**PRIEST:** Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

**CHOIR:** And to your spirit.

**PRIEST:** The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**CHOIR:** Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!

**DEACON:** Let us attend!

**PRIEST:** (Mat 15:21-28) At that time, Jesus withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." And He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their Master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

**CHOIR:** Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!

### **Litany of Fervent Supplication**

**DEACON:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great goodness, we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy. (3X)

**DEACON:** Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation, for the servants of God who come in the hope of healing through Your Divine Oil, and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy. (3X)

**DEACON:** Again we pray for pardon of our transgressions, both voluntary and involuntary.

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy. (3X)

**PRIEST:** For You are a merciful God, and You love humanity, and to You we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**CHOIR:** Amen.

**DEACON:** Let us pray to the Lord.

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST:** *(Sixth prayer of the Oil) We thank You, O Lord our God, Who is good and loves humanity, Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has borne our infirmities painlessly, by Whose wounds we have all been healed, O Good Shepherd Who came to seek the wandering sheep, Who gives consolation to the faint-hearted and life to those who are broken-hearted, Who healed the woman with the issue of blood, Who freed the daughter of the Canaanite woman from the demon, Who forgave the two debtors their debts, Who healed the paralytic and forgave his sins, Who justified the publican and accepted the confession of the thief, Who lifted the sins of the world and nailed them to the Cross. We beseech You, O God, in Your goodness forgive the sins of these Your servants, and all their iniquities, whether voluntary or involuntary, of knowledge or of ignorance. Forgive them and us, for You are a good God who loves humanity. Fill their mouths with Your praise, open their lips to glorify Your name, stretch forth their hands to perform Your statutes. Guide their feet in the way of Your Gospel. For You are our God, Who has commanded us, through Your Holy Apostles saying, "Whatsoever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." And as You heard Ezekiel in the sorrow of his soul at the hour of his death, and did not refuse his supplication, so now hear our prayer, through me Your sinful and unworthy servant. For You, O Lord, commanded forgiveness to those who sin, even unto seventy times seven, and You grant repentance to those who have strayed, and rejoice over their return. To You we ascribe glory, together with Your Father Who is from everlasting, and Your all-Holy, good, and life-Creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

**CHOIR:** Amen.

### **The Seventh Epistle and Gospel**

**DEACON:** Wisdom!

**READER:** O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your anger.

**CHOIR:** (repeats the Prokeimenon)

**READER:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak.

**CHOIR:** (repeats the Prokeimenon)

**READER:** O Lord, do not rebuke me

**CHOIR:** in Your anger.

**DEACON:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The reading is from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Thessalonians.

**DEACON:** Let us attend.

**READER:** (1Thes 5:14-23) And we exhort you, brethren, admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit, do not despise prophesying, but test everything; hold fast what is good, abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**PRIEST:** Peace be to you, reader.

**READER:** And to your spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



**CHOIR:**

**READER:** The Lord hear you in the day of trouble.

**CHOIR:** (repeats "Alleluia")

**PRIEST:** *Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.*

**CHOIR:** *And to your spirit.*

**PRIEST:** *The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.*

**CHOIR:** *Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!*

**DEACON:** *Let us attend!*

**PRIEST:** **(Mat 9:9-13)** *As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and He said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed Him. And as He sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when He heard it, He said, "Those who are well have no need of a Physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."*

**CHOIR:** *Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!*

### **Litany of Fervent Supplication**

**DEACON:** *Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great goodness, we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy. (3X)*

**DEACON:** *Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation, for the servants of God who come in the hope of healing through Your Divine Oil, and for the pardon and remission of their sins.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy. (3X)*

**DEACON:** *Again we pray for pardon of our transgressions, both voluntary and involuntary.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy. (3X)*

**PRIEST:** *For You are a merciful God, and You love humanity, and to You we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

**CHOIR:** *Amen.*

**DEACON:** *Let us pray to the Lord.*

**CHOIR:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**PRIEST:** *(Seventh prayer of the Oil) O Lord our God, Physician of souls and bodies, Healer of infirmities and lingering diseases, Who desires that all men should be saved and should come to the knowledge of Your truth, Who ordained repentance to sinners in the ancient covenant, to David and the Ninevites and others, Who came to earth and became one of us, You call not the righteous, but sinners, as the Publican, the sinful woman, and the thief. You accepted the great Apostle Paul who blasphemed against You. You*

*accepted the Apostle Peter after he denied You three times, promising him, "You are Peter and upon this rock will I build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it, and I shall give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven." For all these we are now confident of Your promises, and we pray to You and ask You at this hour to hear and accept our supplication as a sweet incense offered to You. Visit these, Your servants and handmaids. Pardon and forgive them, O God. Overlook the sins they have committed in word, deed, or thought, whether in knowledge or in ignorance, for there is no one who lives and does not sin, for You only are without sin, and Your righteousness is to all eternity, and Your word is truth. For You have not created us for destruction, but for keeping Your commandments and for inheriting everlasting life, and to You we ascribe glory, with Your Father, Who is from everlasting, and Your all-Holy, good, and life-Creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

**CHOIR:** Amen.

*{The Priest then takes the Gospel, and having it opened with the writing down, raises it above the heads of those attending, and reads the following prayer.}*

**DEACON:** Let us pray to the Lord.

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST:** *O Holy King, full of compassion and mercy, Lord Jesus Christ, Son and Word of the Living God, Who desires not the death of a sinner, but that he should return and live; I lay not my sinful hand upon the heads of these who come to You in their iniquity, asking of You through us the pardon of their sins, but instead Your mighty hand, which is in this, Your Holy Gospel. I also beseech Your compassion and Your love for humanity, O Savior, Who when David repented granted him remission of his sins through the prophet Nathan, and Who accepted the prayers of contrition of Mannases. In your love for humanity receive now these Your servants who repent of their sins, and regard not their transgressions. For You are our God, Who has commanded that those who fall into sin be forgiven, even unto seventy times seven. For as great as Your majesty is also Your mercy, and to You are due all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

**CHOIR:** Amen.

*{The Gospel is then presented to the faithful who come forward to venerate it, and to be anointed with the Holy Oil on their foreheads and palms. The choir then sings the following Troparia.}*

**READER:** *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

TONE 4

O HOLY UN - MER - CEN - AR - IES, SINCE YOU WERE GIVEN A FOUNTAIN OF  
HEAL - ING SO NOW GRANT HEALING TO THOSE WHO ASK IT OF YOU,  
FOR YOU HAVE EARNED GREAT GIFTS FROM THE SAV - IOR, FOR HE DECLARED  
YOU AS EQUAL IN ZEAL TO THE A - POS - TLES. BEHOLD I HAVE GIVEN YOU  
POWER OVER UNCLEAN SPI - RITS, TO CAST THEM OUT AND TO HEAL EVERY MALADY

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a bass line on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The music is in a homophonic style, primarily using chords. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score is divided into five systems, each with two staves. The first system includes the instruction 'TONE 4' in the upper right corner. The lyrics are: 'O HOLY UN - MER - CEN - AR - IES, SINCE YOU WERE GIVEN A FOUNTAIN OF HEAL - ING SO NOW GRANT HEALING TO THOSE WHO ASK IT OF YOU, FOR YOU HAVE EARNED GREAT GIFTS FROM THE SAV - IOR, FOR HE DECLARED YOU AS EQUAL IN ZEAL TO THE A - POS - TLES. BEHOLD I HAVE GIVEN YOU POWER OVER UNCLEAN SPI - RITS, TO CAST THEM OUT AND TO HEAL EVERY MALADY'. The music concludes with a final chord on the second staff of the fifth system.

AND IN - FIR - MI - TY. WHEREFOR YOU HAVE WALKED NOBLY IN HIS COM - MAND -

MENTS. FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED, SO NOW FREE - LY GIVE, HEALING THE

SUFFERINGS OF OUR SOULS AND BO - DIES.

**READER:** *Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

O GRACIOUS AND IMMACULATE LA - DY, GIVE HEED TO THOSE WHO PRAY TO

YOU. STOP THE FIERCE ATTACKS A - GAINST US. DELIVER US FROM SOR - ROWS.

FOR WE HAVE TAKEN YOU AS OUR SAFE HAVEN AND FIRM PRO - TEC - TION.

SINCE YOU ARE OUR SURE HELP - ER, WE ARE NOT ASHAMED TO CALL TO YOU.

HASTEN TO ANSWER THOSE WHO COME TO YOU IN FAITH. REJOICE, O LADY

HELP OF ALL, THEIR SHIELD AND JOY, AND THE SAL - VA - TION OF OUR SOULS.

**PRIEST:** *O Christ, our True God, Who voluntarily suffered for our salvation, through the intercessions of His most-Pure and blameless Holy Mother, of our righteous and God-bearing Fathers, of the Holy Apostle James, of the righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, of Saint \_\_\_\_\_, patron of this Holy House, and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for You are the Lover of Mankind.*

**CHOIR:** *Amen.*